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December 30, 2011

The Honorable Ken Dahlstedt  
The Honorable Sharon Dillon  
The Honorable Ron Wesen  
Skagit County Commissioners  
1800 Continental Place – Ste. 100  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

RE: Skagit River Basin Instream Flow Rule

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your follow-up letter of December 7, 2011, regarding the Skagit Instream Flow Rule. I am pleased to hear that we have a mutual commitment to finding solutions to the water supply problems in the Nookachamps and Fisher/Carpenter Sub-basins of the Skagit Watershed.

As you point out in your letter, we also recognize the difficulties presented by the ongoing lawsuit brought by the Swinomish Tribe. Nevertheless, we are hopeful that solutions can be developed that satisfy the interests of all of the parties.

Rest assured that the Washington State Department of Ecology is fully committed to working with you towards that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Sturdevant".

Ted Sturdevant,  
Director

